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<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION</u> OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action dated July 16, 2003, for an additional one month from the December 16, 2003 extended due date to January 16, 2004. A Petition for a two month Extension of Time was previously filed on December 9, 2003

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